

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
5:30 pm, Monday, December 15, 2025  
701 Parker Avenue, Ontonagon, MI 49953  
Ontonagon Area School Library**

**CALL TO ORDER**        A regular meeting of the Ontonagon Area Board of Education was called to order at 5:30 PM by President, Natalie Morgan, in the Ontonagon Area School Library, Ontonagon, Michigan on Monday, December 15, 2025. Present – Natalie Morgan, Nancy Mattson, Tammy Strasser, Josh Yaklyvich, Carl Lockhart, Robert Zyhowski **ABSENT:** Heather Beck

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**        The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**        Strasser made a motion to accept the agenda, supported by Lockhart. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**                Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to accept the minutes from the November 17, 2025 regular meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Mattson, to accept the minutes from the December 3, 2025 special meeting as presented. All voting AYE, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**                Mattson made a motion, supported by Strasser, to acknowledge the November/December General Fund invoices in the amount of \$15,178.88. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Lockhart, Yaklyvich NAY: None. **ABSENT:** Beck, Zyhowski. Motion carried.

(Zyhowski joined the meeting at 5:34 p.m.)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the December General Fund invoices in the amount of \$38,771.79. AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski. NAY: None. **ABSTAIN:** Yaklyvich **ABSENT:** Beck Motion carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**                None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**                None.

## STAFFING / SUPPORT STAFF

Recommend that Board approve the hiring of MaryAnne Waldrop, At-Risk Paraprofessional, 7.25 hours per day, effective November 10, 2025.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the hire.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Beck Motion carried.

Recommend that Board approve the hiring of Jaclyn Davis, Elementary Paraprofessional, 7.25 hours per day, effective December 4, 2025.

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Zyhowski, to approve the hire.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Beck Motion carried.

## UP PRINCIPALS' SUMMIT 2026

Recommend the Board approve the superintendent's attendance at the UP Principals' Summit in Marquette, MI on February 26 and 27, 2026. Cost is \$50 plus mileage reimbursement.

Strasser made a motion, supported by Mattson, to approve attendance.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Beck Motion carried.

## SINKING FUND RENEWAL

Recommend the Board approve the sinking fund resolution (EXHIBIT C)  
This is a renewal of the existing sinking fund and not a new millage.

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the resolution.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Beck Motion carried.

## BUS GARAGE DISCUSSION

Bus garage discussion with possible vote. (EXHIBIT D)

The Village of Ontonagon turned down the District's offer to purchase the bus garage and will be increasing the rent from \$400/month to \$1,500/month effective 8/1/2026 with a 2-year lease.

After some discussion, Lockhart made a motion, supported by Mattson, to allow the Superintendent to explore available local buildings and contact realtors for other local sites.

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Beck Motion carried.

## GYM FLOOR

Recommend that the Board approve the gym floor projects with the bids from Baseman Brothers.

Repair Gym Floor \$8,000.00 (EXHIBIT E1) Gymnasium Floor \$40,525.00 (EXHIBIT E2)

Mattson made a motion, supported by Lockhart, to approve the bids

AYE: Morgan, Mattson, Strasser, Yaklyvich, Lockhart, Zyhowski.

NAY: None. ABSENT: Beck Motion carried.

## REPORTS

Operations Committee met on December 9, 2025.

-Discussed the bus garage, sinking fund renewal, gym floor and budget.

Assistant Principal Uotila reported:

-23 referrals since the November meeting, 2 are positive.

-Elementary Holiday Concert will be held at 2pm on Thursday, December 18.

-Currently pushing students to get caught up during break.

-Food drive filled up several tables and donations were brought to the food pantry in conjunction with TANGO students/St. Nick Project. Many students volunteered.

-Winter sports seasons are in full swing, including elementary basketball.

-Benchmark testing for mid-year is taking place or completed.

Superintendent Johnson reported:

-Data Tool Update.

-Special Education - Behavior Specialist/ISD.

-Staffing Update.

-Mid-year testing in progress.

-No update on 31aa Grant at this time.

## KUDOS/THANK YOUS

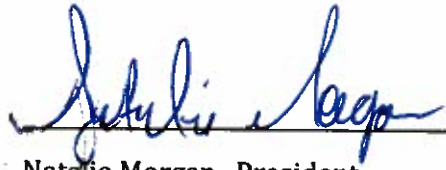
Kudos to the elementary school Basketball Teams who did well in their tournaments.

Kudos to the TANGO students and student workers for getting involved with the St. Nick Project and Food Pantry.

Kudos to the bus drivers for their safe driving skills in winter conditions.

ADJOURN

Lockhart made a motion, supported by Strasser, to adjourn at 6:38 PM.  
All voting AYE, motion carried.



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Natalie Morgan, President



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Josh Yaklyvich, Secretary